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Rev. Stewart M. Robinson
c/o First Presbyterian Church
Lockport, N. Y.

Dear Stew:

That was a fine letter you sent to Gardner Jackson and I think ought to bring some good results. It put things in a nice way and ought to enlist his interest. It certainly would be splendid if he would take hold of this matter and would give just the finishing touches to those department rooms which will mean so much in the way of attractiveness.

You certainly have been splendid in every way in this whole matter and when the building is done and equipped and the work is under way, you can contemplate it with great joy because of the leading part which you have had in the achievement of it.

You have done a big piece of work in these last few years in every way. Much of the good accomplished is evident now but the full results will not be apparent except as they manifest themselves in the years to come.

It was a fine thing for Lockport and the First Church when you came here -- to say nothing of all that it has meant in a personal way to the inhabitants of 197 Pine St.

With the hope that the coming years may be even richer and fuller and more blessed and with every good wish, I am

Cordially yours,

EAR/W

DENTON MASSEY

915 KING STREET WEST

TORONTO

July
Fourteenth,
1928.

Dear Stewart:

Your very cheery letter of the other day was most welcome. I appreciate ever so much its kind contents. You were very good to spend the time to look over a rather mediocre piece of work which nevertheless meant a great deal to me. I sent it along to you knowing you well enough to feel that you would give me a frank statement of your opinion, which is just what I want. With my lack of training in the type of work I am doing, I feel greatly the need of criticism in order that I may try to improve as the days go by.

We are all so glad to know that the family is doing well. It must be very nice indeed to have them both home. Please give lots of love to Ann from us all.

By the by, you have heard me speak so much of friend Boynton Merrill down in Boston. It is quite possible that he may pop up to Toronto for a day or so this summer, and if so, I would be awfully happy if you could come over while he is here, so that he could meet you and you him. I think you would enjoy each other.

I am glad to know that the Sunday School is progressing so well. I know what a kick it will be when you move into it. It certainly is a gorgeous place.

I must run along now, so will

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cease rattling for the time being.

As always with best regards to
our friends in Lockport, particularly to
Ann and yourself,

As ever,

Stewart

P.S. The great event is scheduled for
five weeks from today. You have a very
good idea just how I feel.

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson,
50 Spruce Street,
Lockport, N. Y.

July 19th 1928.

Mr. Denton Massey,
915 King Street West,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Denton:

It would be a great pleasure to meet Boynton Merrill. If you like him, he must be worth while. I have had many pleasant experiences with your friends. Just now the prospects are that we will be away from town during August. I think we will treat my Father and Mother to an inrush of their relatives down in the Catskills where they have their home. It will be quite a procession that will wend its way into the "old homestead". Luckily it is a fine large old house so I guess we can all come to anchor beneath its roof.

I was edified to hear about DER TAG. But here's one from an "old hand". Throw an anchor to windward on that date business. Anne's was scheduled for July 5th or June 25th. Whereas Alexander Proudfoot arrived C.O.D., f.o.b. and all the rest on JUNE 16TH. On the other hand, Mrs. Fred Davis, you remember the dark haired exotic lady who figured in the party with "Lady Grace", was scheduled for June 5th; whereas, young Fred Davis, Jr. arrived Friday, June 29th.

Maybe your canadians sooth-sayers have better dope than they have on this side. Courtland arrived pretty nearly on schedule, as you may recall. It was I who nearly missed the boat, after that stormy 5th of December. But you can't sometimes always tell, so keep your car full of gas, and don't let the battery run down. Get "Kelly-Springfields". By the way, there is a good thought for a ad for them. Couple rushing madly to hospital. Blow-out. Wife says: "there why in the world did you buy these cheap tires, "Kellys" would never have done this". I hereby give and assign you the rights on this "copy".

I think Anne had a pleasant little chat with Esther the other day anent a very interesting Edinburgh lady who is over here, with some "feminine concoctions". She makes nick-nacks for princesses and such like in Great Britain.

Give our very best to all. We often think of you. We will surely be happy to hear of the safe and happy advent of a Son to the Denton Masseys.

Yours as ever,

July 23rd 1928.

Friends, Romans, fellow-citizens,
Bert, Ruth, Cleaves, Grammer, Frances,
Grace, mercy and peace be unto you.

Pax vobiscum.

Greeting:

It are now eleven o'clock by the village clock (p.m.) and I drop down on this congenial instrument for a few remarks anent the doings of the village.

Working outward from this central point at which I sit, I would say:

First and in primis. The gang are well. Alex. to begin at the bottom and work up, is fine, gains eight ozs. weekly and is fairly bursting his skin. Courtland is his own stately self. Anne manages to hold her own, and Sonny is going about strenuously on his bike. Mrs. Payne went off this afternoon for a few days with her friends and relations over Rochester way. Last night the Bride and Groom, Esther and her Harry hove to anchor off our pier and we threw them a line. They went on this afternoon, taking the evening boat for Detroit, and then to Ann Arbor, where Harry will put the new wife into the kitchen and under the sink and start her in to fry eggs and various etceteries. **MAYBE**

Swinging out now to larger things. I saw in a cigar store a box of tobac and a pipe offered for fifty cents, and knowing that the baccy was worth fifteen cents, and figuring that I could not get stung much on the pipe anyway, I slowly made the purchase, and annexed quite a nice pipe.

My study is done so far as the shelves are concerned and I am having lots of fun carting books down there. A few at a time and I set them around and view the landscape o'er. One week ago Sunday I had a scout from an Erie Church in the audience, and yesterday another bird up from Elizabeth. He wired John Tagg if I were to be preaching. John passed the word along, urging that I spill egg on my front and otherwise make a mess of things. Well, I did not need to, the weather did that for me, not many were out, the day was muggy, Florence Symes played organ, did it very well, but the a.m. was rather a slop. Damp day. Preached in the evening at the Baptist Church with Brother Jef on the stage with me. Looked all around for the swimming pool but did not see it anywhere. Had a nice crowd, and gave a good talk !!! (ahem)

Now that you have patiently run through all this slush I will uncork a bit of laughter for you. We have sewed up the painting job to the queen's taste. Goltz, the Teutonic brother who is doing the painting job, came across with a bid on the chapel for 480 pieces of eight, being \$480. It his first conversation with Charlies/ evidently just the main big room had been discussed, so that was all that was included, but after another talk with Chas. he added all

the down-stair class rooms and made it two coats instead of three. He washes, patches the plaster and does a lot of things. The women were angels. We had a bunch of them down last week one day. I went around and had a visit with Jeannie Arnold and Mrs. Tit-bits and they were fine. All agreed it certainly ought to be done. Mrs. Arnold said: even if there was not money enough left, which she was sure there was, nevertheless the women ought by all means to go ahead. Rah, Rah Rah

So that's that. It is. Veni Vidi Vici. "Let us spray"

It will not matter about those up-stairs class rooms. They look fine with the new upson board. The primary walls were a bright nice yellow anyway. Harold Stin says that any time we can run over those rooms if we want to. Charlies is itching to go on and fix up that old chapel right, whatever he means by that.

Goltz is also going to do a couple of chairs over for us to be samples to show Gardner next Sunday.

Further: we have lined up the week-day chairs. Harold ran across a perfect peach of a thing, pressed steel legs and braces, satin finished seat and tablet arm, matches absolutely light, neat, smallest thing in the way of space consumed of all we have seen, delivered right in our room, a little high priced but Harold jewed them down twenty per cent. on price. Everyone is tickled pink with it. It is the stand chair passed by the National Posture Association, used in all the best junior high schools, regular a la Charlie Upson. He has not seen it by the way, but will like it. Harold and I got together smoked a cigar and said that if we could get the agent bird to knock off one dollar each, we would take a flier. Darn it he did. Said it was a crime to do it, never had done such a thing, but Harold got him somehow. Took the data around to Niel Prudden who said we had a bargain and to step on it. They deliver the chairs knocked down and we set them up. Tell old Cap Cleaves there, that next year by heck we will not only train his soul but improve his posture, think pf it. Oh boy they are swell to sit on.

I am going to vote for Smith??? Economical Cal has saved money on me. Got a letter other day saying funds were not sufficient to send me down to Fort Niagara to graft the money of Uncle Sam. I am sore. I did not want to work, but did want the swag. Well, I guess my conscience will rest easier at that. I don't know what good it does anyone but me, to go.

We miss you like the dickens, but are glad to think you are having a great time, got the card from Poland. You can eat my fish for me. Rotary is terrible with Doug pres. Big noise, rah rah all the time. Panned the guys out like a school teacher, pretty tough. Well,

Yours Stew



Jimmie McHenry
Age 6 months -

Robinson

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1778 Wickford Rd
Cleveland - Ohio
July 24-1928

Dear folks: —

Have been thinking of you all a lot lately & wish I could run in & see you for a while.

I am enclosing a snap of Jimmie & He is getting to be a "holy terror" into ~~the~~ every thing — you know how I'm sure & climbs every thing & falls out of every thing.

Eddie is out of town for a few days, down around Youngstown, Akron & Canton &

What's this about Eva & Sue going to be married & my how I wish I could be there.

We enjoy Cleveland a lot but of course we can't run around like we used to in Lockport &

We have joined the church here but as yet I'm not a very good member. Tried taking Jimmie a couple of times

but it didn't work so well.

We drove to Eddie's home in Southern Kansas again this year & we were there six weeks & had a lovely visit. Edwards Mother drove back with us & stayed for a few weeks.

We are having grand weather in Cleveland now & enjoy our big front porch a lot.

Drop us a line when you have time as we are always anxious to hear from you
Best wishes to you all

Sincerely
Noreen

7/27/28

Dear Stew:

Your letter of the 23^d
brought much delight and
entertainment - not say
Felicity - to the ~~army~~ ^{army} ~~of~~
multitude: It was read to
the group and received with
as much welcome as one
of your best sermons!

Glad to get all the news
and to learn that all the
Robinsons, recent and other-
wise, are in a state of
healthy existence!

Fine about the hotel.
That's great. Congratulations!
Go as far as you like!
I as think, though, that it
would be a wise and judicious
idea to finish the upstairs

rooms at the same time.
This will complete the job
and we want to have it all
done if possible. It will be
rather patchy up there you
know and we afraid it
won't look very good unless
finished. And we do want
to have attractive rooms for
the young people. The cost
ought to be very small
and less now than if done
some other time. The figure
for doing the Chapel is so
low too that it seems as
though this other could be
done also without making
any undue burden. Just
see if you can't fit it
in the way I.

I hope I can do it in an
expensive way. Let him

go as far as he wants! Show him
how attractive it can be made -
give him a complete picture - and
then let him think ~~to~~ it as far
as he will.

Glad to hear about the chairs.
That's great. You certainly have
things moving.

Be sure and keep egg on your
coat and a litter on your tongue,
while these scoundrels are around!
We can't have any body getting in
just now! All such are to be taken
out and summarily executed!

I can't tell you what a wonderful
time we are having up here.

The country is magnificent. ocean, bays, inlets, "reaches", so many islands there is hardly room for the water! Forests, woods, mountains cluttering up the terrain! The scenery is magnificent - whatever we go - and we go in all directions. And golf courses not far distant. yesterday a superb trip to Mt. Desert and Bar Harbor. We are in an old farm house, rather dilapidated and primitive, but very comfortable. Lots of land, and bay, and water around us - and the bay in the near instance, Frank & son native fishing, some fishing & boating is you want it.

We are just Lazing and loafing
and enjoying life - and
eating - Oh boy! I will
be a man of some weight
when I get back!

Well Sam is certainly
treating you rough! Shame
on him. But we must
keep expenses down - and
elect a lounge!

In the family circle
last night a Ratty, say -
gestion was made!
Is this - why don't you
run up here for a week
with us? This an extra
bed and a place at the
table and in the family
circle. You could do it

very easily. Leave Buffalo
on the Cote night train -
get in Boston next morn,
take Bangor boat of the
Eastern S. S. Line at Boston
about 5 P.M - change at
Rockland, about ^{to another boat} 5 A.M (this
will suit you perfectly)
and get to Saugus with
me time for breakfast.

You can get your ticket
by 8th this - and reservation
in Rockport - your friend
Tom or Miss Welsh can
tell you all about it.
They did it for me,
why don't you do it -
and come my ^{8th} away?
This is serious. Very truly

would love to have you and it
would be you a lot of good.
And it would give us a lot of
pleasure. We'll take the travelling
expenses out of the Lillian Fund!

I have everything of it with me for that!
So don't worry about that part of it.

All you will need is your new
pipe (that's the reason for it, of course!)
and a change of cloathing! Also a
hot bath before you come! Just
arrive that you will be here on a
certain morning early in the coming
week, and we'll meet you at the
dock here in Saugus Hill. That's all
there is to it. So come along!

I am sending not only for
myself but for every Cody here.
Will treat you a lot better than
the old ones!

Am sending this by special
a/c so that you will get it
on Sunday.

With lots of love from every Cody
here to you and all the family.

Truly

Frank